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THE DAY'S DOMINION NOTES

General Gossip Told by the
Wires Over All the
Dominion.

TORONTO, April 17.—Shipbuilding yards at Bridgeburg are being rushed to completion in order that the owners, the Canadian Shipbuilding Company may get to work immediately on the construction of the largest steamer ever built in Canada. She is a 10,000 ton steel freight steamer for the Chicago & St. Lawrence Transportation company and another is a magnificent new steamer for the Canadian Pacific for use on the Upper lakes.

Toronto Church Trouble
Toronto, April 17.—The trouble between the members of the Austrian Jewish synagogue on Chestnut street, which was closed by the police recently on account of disturbances is accumulating. A writ was issued today by Henry Greisman, president of one of the factions, against S. Freilich, president of the opposing faith and his colleagues, for an injunction to restrain defendants from acting as officers of the congregation, and for declaration that the Greisman party are proper officers and for a dissolution of congregation and the sale and distribution of the property.

Issue Confirmed
Toronto, April 17.—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Toronto Street Railway company today, the proposal to issue one million dollars new shares was confirmed.

Increase Capital
Toronto, April 17.—The shareholders of the Bank of Commerce today authorized board of directors to increase capital of bank by two million dollars, making a total capital of five millions.

Prominent Guelph Man Dead
Montreal, April 17.—John M. Bond, president of the Bond Hardware company of Guelph, Ontario, was taken ill while testifying in a case in the civil court today. He was taken to St. Lawrence Hall in a cab, when a physician, pronouncing his condition serious, he was at once hurried in an ambulance to general hospital, but died before reaching that institution. He was 65 years of age, and a prominent citizen of Guelph.

Attempted Suicide
Montreal, April 17.—Because Edward Thompson, a colored man, whom she loved, married another woman, Maggie Dean, a white girl, twenty-six years old, yesterday afternoon tried to end her life by shooting herself in Thompson's saloon. The bullet wound was slight. The doctors say the victim will recover in a few days.

Ironworkers Strike
St. Catharines, April 17.—The men employed in the malleable iron department of the McKinnon sash and metal factory struck today because of the employment of foreigners. The company for some time past has been on account of the objection of English workmen, employing foreigners only on night work, when the English-speaking men demanded the dismissal of the foreigners.

Insane Woman Suicides
Bradford, Ont., April 17.—Mrs. Ruster, thirty-two years old, wife of a farmer living five miles from here, whose mind was temporarily affected by illness, shot and killed herself on Sunday afternoon in the absence of her husband, who was hitching up the horse to take her to a doctor here.

Carman's Enterprise
Carman, Man., April 17.—This town will expend \$58,000 in installing water-works and purchasing light plant.

Election Confirmed
Lethbridge, Alta., April 17.—Official figures confirm the election of Simons (Liberal) in the bye-election here by 80 majority over Sherman (Labor). Keffer, (Conservative) loses his deposit.

A Sudden Death
Morden, Man., April 17.—Death came with awful suddenness to J. H. Ruddell, M. P. P., at 8:20 tonight. He was apparently in the best of health all day and had been out driving until 7:15 p. m. He was sitting reading with his family in the dining room of his residence when

his pipe dropped from his mouth and he fell back in his chair, and, giving a few spasms, passed away. The news spread immediately, and the whole town is shocked at the suddenness of the event.

Manitoba Teachers' Convention
Winnipeg, April 17.—The Manitoba Provincial Teachers' association is meeting in annual convention here today. The attendance is remarkably large, and much mutual benefit to the profession is expected to accrue from its deliberations, not the least of which is the new and improved relations established with the government, assuring better pay and improved conditions.

THE "DEWEY" REPORTED.
Port Said, Egypt, April 17.—The United States drydock Dewey was reported by wireless telegraph today to be 150 miles off this port.

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL.
Warsaw, April 17.—A papal encyclical has been read in the Catholic churches here, admonishing the Mariavists (the new Catholic sect) that they are following in the ways of error and should return to the fold.

CARMALITE FATHERS.
Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 17.—The Carmelite Fathers of the United States today elected Rev. Father Ambrose Brader of Pittsburgh provincial for three years. Rev. Father McDonald of Niagara Falls, Ont., Rev. Father Kehoe of Chicago and Rev. Father Murphy of Eaglewood, N. Y., were elected consuls.

BRISTLING WITH BAYONETS.
Johnstown, Pa., April 17.—Windber's streets tonight are bristling with bayonets of the state constabulary. There is an undercurrent of feeling that there will be another outbreak tomorrow when the funerals of the victims of last night's mob violence will be held.

TARTARS ON WARPATH.
Tiflis (Caucasus), April 17.—The Tartars in many places are rising against the punitive expeditions, especially in Elizabetopol province. Recently they caught a squadron of dragoons in a defile, routed them, killing two and mortally wounding four. At Abakalak a number of Cossacks were killed on a train by prisoners whom they were charged to escort to Tiflis.

NEW LAKE DOCKS READY FOR COAL

Finest Storehouses in America
Located at Port Arthur
Finished.

WINNIPEG, April 17.—Hugh Sutherland has returned from Port Arthur, where he went to witness the test of the coal-handling machinery of the Canadian Northern Coal Ore Dock company, of which he is president. For the past month the different firms who had contracts on the docks have been hustling the work, and everything was in readiness for the turning over of the machinery. Hugh Sutherland, in company with J. Murray, representative of the Barnett-McQueen company; M. Zelik, who represents the Mead company, of Chicago, which firm had the contract for the steel work, towers, bridges and cars; Mr. Gorland, superintendent of the docks, and Engineer Pratt, visited the works and witnessed the turning over of the machinery of the plant, which is the largest on the great lakes. Every piece of machinery ran as smooth as clockwork, and the coal cars were soon running along the tracks on the bridge-work. The stupendous work that was commenced by the energetic company is now nearing the finishing point, and soon Port Arthur will have in operation a coal dock plant which cannot be eclipsed in America. The docks are over three-quarters of a mile in length, having a storage capacity of 300,000 tons of coal. The unloading concern is also without an equal on the great lakes, as when the plant is in working shape over 70 tons of coal per hour can be unloaded from a single vessel. Mr. Sutherland states that vessels are leaving with coal, which will be unloaded at the new docks.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.
Piatigorsk (Caucasus), Russia, April 17.—Two strong earthquake shocks were felt yesterday in North Caucasus.

DEPORTED TO SIBERIA.
St. Petersburg, April 17.—Three hundred political prisoners have just been deported to Siberia by way of Moscow.

ON TRIAL FOR HERESY.
Batavia, N. Y., April 17.—The ecclesiastical court of the Episcopal diocese of western New York convened here today for the trial of Rev. Dr. A. S. Crapsey, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rochester, on charges of heresy. This is the first heresy trial the Episcopal church has had in years and is attracting attention throughout the country. The charges have been often published and rest chiefly upon an alleged denial of the doctrine of the divinity of Christ, as held by the Episcopal church. Rev. Dr. Crapsey has retained Congressman J. Brock Perkins to conduct his defense. Owing to Congressman Perkins' duties in Washington at the present time, it is possible that he will seek to have the trial adjourned until after the congressional session is over.

ALFONSO OF SPAIN
Arrived at Cowes Yesterday and Was Welcomed by Princess Ena.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, April 17.—King Alfonso, of Spain, arrived here today and was met some miles outside by Princess Ena, of Battenberg, and her mother, who boarded the Spanish royal yacht. The King and the Princess subsequently landed and drove to Osborne. The young couple were warmly greeted by crowds of people. King Alfonso has personally appealed to the newspapers to permit him to enjoy his visit to the British bride-elect, without being subjected to any annoyance.

BETTER TERMS ARE WANTED

Memorials of Several Provincial
Governments Presented
to Parliament.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

British Columbia Requests Special Consideration--An Early Conference Likely.

OTTAWA, April 17.—The memorials of the several provincial governments on the subject of the re-adjustment of the financial relations between the Dominion and provincial governments were presented to parliament today from Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. I.

In September last these provinces united in a memorial to Sir Wilfrid Laurier quoting the resolutions of the provincial conferences of 1887 and 1902 and stating that the time which has elapsed since the adoption of resolutions has not developed new sources of revenue of sufficient productivity for the provinces, which the development of the country has aggravated a burden when they objected to carry.

Under the circumstances they think time has arrived to give effect to

New Financial Arrangements
between Canada and the provinces on the basis of the resolutions of 1902. They ask for a conference at an early date.

Mr. Roblin, premier of Manitoba in joining in the request for conference says, so far as his government is concerned it is to be distinctly understood that it shall in no way prejudice Manitoba's claims on the Dominion in respect to her lands.

British Columbia
requests special consideration on the basis of her memorial handed to Dominion government in February last. Premier Whitney wrote to Sir Wilfrid on the 7th of October last, stating that in view of the fact that his government was not a party to resolutions adopted in 1902, should Premier Laurier accede to the request for a conference, the Ontario government would then desire to state special reasons which in their judgment, called for new financial arrangements.

Sir Wilfrid's reply was the same in each case. He said that in view of the fact that several ministers were away on the tariff enquiry, it was not possible to answer them at present.

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NIAGARA ALL RIGHT.

Chicago, April 17.—It was maintained before the house committee on rivers and harbors today that Niagara River was greater in volume at the present time than it had been in years, that the use of its waters for the development of power so far had not detracted from the scenic beauty of the falls, and that at least 50 per cent. of the stream might be taken before any difference in flow of water could be detected by the observer.

DECLARES THERE IS NOTHING TO ARBITRATE

Coal Mine Operators Put Case
Plainly to President John
Mitchell.

NEW YORK, April 17.—A sub-committee of the presidents of the anthracite coal carrying railroads and mine operators met here today and drew up a letter to President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, in which the operators again declare that there is nothing to arbitrate except the question whether there shall be any arbitration. This reply is made in response to President Mitchell's recent amended proposition of arbitration. The operators do not, however, refuse point blank to accept Mr. Mitchell's latest plan.

They assert that all differences between the miners and their employers have been decided by the strike commission, and that there is no reason why another attempt should be made to arbitrate them. After describing the previous steps of the two sides and commenting upon the plans suggested by the miners, the operators say the miners have rejected all the propositions, and that they have nothing further to offer.

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"THE OPEN DOOR."

Tokio, April 17.—It was semi-officially announced today that Antun and Tatum Kay (both near the mouth of the Yalu river) will be opened to trade and travel by May 1st. Mukden will be opened June 1st, and other places soon after that date.

EXCHANGED MESSAGES.

Washington, April 17.—Messages of congratulations were exchanged yesterday and today between President Roosevelt and the Dowager Empress and Emperor of China in commemoration of the opening of the last link of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company's cable, connecting the United States and China.

SPECIAL LONDON CABLE.

Lord Strathcona Buys Steam Yacht—Empress of Britain Fast.

London, April 17.—(Special)—Lord Strathcona has bought the steam yacht Morag, 283 tons, and is fitting her out on the Clyde.

The C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain attained a speed of 20 knots on her trial trip.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Police Officer at New Westminster in Trouble—Amateur Wrestling.

New Westminster, April 17.—(Special)—Police Officer E. Johnson was this morning charged with assault upon A. G. Cook and with pointing a firearm. The charge arose out of the arrest of a drunk on Sunday morning. Cook, who witnessed the arrest, is alleged to have made some remarks derogatory to the police and was "called down" by Officer Johnson. Words and a scuffle ensued, during which the officer drew his baton. Cook, however, wrenched the baton away and belabored the officer with it. Finally Johnson drew his revolver, whereupon Cook made off. He was later arrested on a warrant, and charges of creating a disturbance, assault upon the police and of resisting arrest have been preferred against him. All the charges in the case will be tried next Monday by Magistrate Corbould.

In an amateur wrestling bout for a challenge cup, T. Cunningham of the local fire department last night defeated Dave Fisher of the Vancouver fire department in two straight throws, the first fall being secured in 57 minutes and the second in 24.

TEA TRAFFIC NOW A SOURCE OF WORRY

American Traders Lodge Appeal
Against the Policy of
Canada.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The American tea traders have lodged an appeal to the state department against the application to their goods of the Canadian law imposing a duty of 10 cents per pound on tea entering Canada from the United States.

Not only have written representations been made on this point, but a delegation representing the tea importers has appeared at the state department and presented arguments to the officials to induce them to take up this subject with the British foreign office.

Careful consideration has been given to these arguments, but it may be stated that up to this moment the officials here feel that there is little ground for expectation that the Canadians can be induced to suspend the operation of this new law, particularly in view of the fact that by the offering of large subsidies to steamship lines to encourage direct communication between Canadian ports and the Orient the Canadian government is endeavoring to wrest from Americans the important transcontinental tea traffic.

However, it is probable that this subject will be turned over to Shandell Anderson, who is preparing for negotiation sundry other issues between the United States and Canada.

THE MELVILLE DOLLAR

Bellingham, April 17.—The steamer Melville Dollar, which collided Sunday off Race Rocks with a halibut schooner, reached here today.

PORTRAIT OF FRANKLIN.

Philadelphia, April 17.—The portrait of Benjamin Franklin which was taken by Major Andre during the revolution arrived today and was placed in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. The picture had been in the possession of Sir Charles Grey, and one of his descendants, Earl Grey, governor-general of Canada, returned it to this city today.

ISLANDS FOR SALE.

Auctioneer to Ask for Bids for Two Islands in Western Pacific.

London, April 17.—"How much for a light little island?" will probably be a typical remark of Herbert Shaw, the solicitor for the British registrar for the Western Pacific at Suva, Fiji, today, when, in the character of an exalted auctioneer, he calls for bids for the freehold of two islands, the property of Great Britain. The islands in question are Fanning and Washington, in the North Pacific. The islands were annexed by Great Britain some years ago and used as a cable station, being on the direct route from Victoria to Australia. Both islands are very beautiful, alike as regards situation, climate and flora.

WILL EMPLOY 10,000 MEN

Plans of J. D. McArthur Who
Has Contracts on Grand
Trunk Pacific.

IS NOW ORGANIZING FORCES

No Scarcity of Labor Anticipated
---Much Rock Work
Encountered.

WINNIPEG, April 17.—By June 1st J. D. McArthur expects to have 10,000 men at work on his various contracts in Western Canada and Western Ontario. In addition to the 275 miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway for which he has received the contract, he has contracts for grading 370 miles of road in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for the Canadian Pacific Railway company. These last mentioned works include the completion of the Wolseley-Reston branch, 50 miles; reduction of grades on the main line between Swift Current and Medicine Hat, 75 miles; line from Saskatoon west to Battle river, 175 miles; extension of the Manitoba Northwestern branch westward from Shelo, 40 miles; extension of the Teulon branch, 20 miles; and the extension of the Winnipeg Beach branch to Gimli, 10 miles. Outfits are now being sent out to begin operations on all these lines, and work will be in full blast within the next fortnight. The right-of-way for the Teulon and Winnipeg Beach extensions has already been cut, so that the graders will not be delayed with their work. A good deal of this work has been sublet to local contractors.

Organizing His Forces
Mr. McArthur will begin once organizing his forces for the Grand Trunk Pacific work between Winnipeg and Superior Junction, which is the biggest contract let in this part of the Dominion since the construction of the C. P. R., and by May 1st he hopes to have several sections of the road under construction. Work will be commenced at points along the route where outfits and supplies can be got in from the C. P. R. or water. The furthest point that the C. P. R. line runs from the C. P. R. is twenty-five miles, and at convenient distances there are waterways which can be utilized for taking in supplies without excessive labor or cost. The first section will begin about five miles east of Winnipeg, the second at Molson where the C. P. R. is crossed, the third at a point on the Winnipeg river north of Kenora, the fourth north of Minnow, and at other places about equal distance where rivers or lakes are available for transportation.

No Scarcity of Labor
Between seven and eight thousand men will be employed on this work, which has to be completed by October 1st, 1907. Mr. McArthur does not anticipate any difficulty in securing sufficient men. He feels assured the tremendous immigration to Canada will solve the labor problem in this connection, as a large percentage of the newcomers will be glad to get work before going on land, in order to earn enough money to enable them to start farming with necessary equipment.

With the exception of the Manitoba end of the line nearly all the work embraced by the contract is rock, but it is not as heavy as that encountered on the C. P. R. between Winnipeg and Lake Superior. The work will be sublet in large sections to responsible contractors. Mr. McArthur will establish headquarters camps at various points along the line.

STARR-HAMMOND WEDDING.

An Easter Marriage Ceremony of Note Occurs in New York.

New York, April 17.—St. Thomas' was the scene of an Easter wedding of note today, when Miss Margaret Hammond became the bride of Louis Starr Jr. of Philadelphia. The bride is a daughter of the late General John Henry Hammond of Kentucky and a sister of John Henry Hammond, the famous mining engineer.

ACCIDENT ON BATTLESHIP.

Three Killed and Four Injured on H. M. S. Prince of Wales

Malta, April 17.—Three members of the crew of the British battleship Prince of Wales were killed today and four were injured by a boiler explosion while the vessel was undergoing her speed trials. The connecting rod bolts in the high pressure engine and the top cylinder cover were fractured.

DISTURBANCE IN FRANCE

Renewal of Trouble Consequent on the Coal Miners' Strike

Lens, France, April 17.—There was a renewal today of the disturbances consequent on the strike of miners in the Pas de Calais district. The wife of a miner, who had refused to strike, was taken in her home by 150 women, the wives of the strikers, her clothing torn off her and her furniture was undergoing speed trials. The connecting rod bolts in the high pressure engine and the top cylinder cover were fractured.

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CATASTROPHE OVERTAKES THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

At Early Morn Destructive Earthquake Shakes City to Its Very Foundations Wrecking Buildings and Destroying all Communication With Outside World.

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—The severest earthquake in many years visited California about 5:30 this morning. The worst damage is reported to have been done in San Francisco. A report received via Sacramento says that 1,000 lives were lost in collapsed buildings. The ruined structures took fire and it is reported the fire department was utterly unable to cope with the flames which spread rapidly. The water mains were cracked and burst, making it impossible to receive supply enough to successfully fight the flames. The shock was felt throughout the central part of the State. All points north as far as Redding, east to Reno, Nevada, and south to Fresno report earthquakes. Many buildings throughout the district were cracked, windows broken and flimsy structures thrown down. At Sacramento the shock was severe enough to throw street cars off the tracks, people were thrown out of their beds and panic stricken, rushed madly out into the streets in their night clothes.

The Pacific States Telephone Company reports that its main exchange at 216 Bush street, San Francisco, is in flames. Both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph buildings were destroyed.

At 9:30 a. m. a statement was received by long distance telephone from Sacramento that no loss of life had occurred in San Francisco up to that time.

Los Angeles, April 18.—A report just received says the Call, Chronicle, Examiner and Lick buildings have fallen. The St Francis and Palace hotels have withstood the shock.

San Francisco, April 18.—(Special to The Colonist.)—The loss of life is reported to be great. There is no water, and fire rages all over the city. All wires with the exception of one are gone. The city hall, costing \$7,000,000, is in ruins. Modern buildings suffered less than brick and frame. Terror and excitement are indescribable. Most of the people, asleep, were suddenly aroused and rushed into the streets undressed. Buildings swayed and cracked, burying the occupants. Panics occurred in the hotels. The Lick House was badly damaged, but no loss of life is reported there. The Palace and St. Francis Hotels stood the shock. People flocked to the telegraph offices to send messages to friends, and were frantic because there were no wires. The great damage to buildings was done south of Market street, where there are mostly frame buildings and tenement houses. Fire broke out in every block of that district.

San Francisco, April 18.—(8:15 a. m.)—There has just been another shock which intensified the panic; people have started to rush into the streets, but the shock was of short duration and the alarm subsided.

Los Angeles, April 18.—The Southern Pacific reports three miles of track having completely disappeared between Suisun and Benicia, carrying poles with it.

Latest reports seem to indicate that San Francisco is doomed fire raging in all directions.

Salt Lake City, April 18.—(Special.)—Reports received by the Salt Lake office of the Postal Telegraph company from San Francisco would indicate that the first reports of the earthquake were exaggerated. Superintendent W. P. S. Hawk was in communication with the San Francisco office of the Postal company after the earthquake. He was informed that it would be necessary for the operating force to vacate the office. This was done and the operators left the building but returned within an hour and business was resumed.

San Francisco, April 18.—(Special.)—It is reported that the water mains in Market street had been broken. Salt Lake is not in communication with San Francisco.

Sacramento, Cal., April 18.—(Special.)—The severest shock felt in this city in many years occurred at 5:13 o'clock this morning. Buildings rocked like cradles. Many clocks stopped. No serious damage was done. A few cracks were discovered in the stone post office building. Slight damage was done to some brick buildings. Telegraph and telephone wires were broken between Sacramento and San Francisco, and no communication could be had with the latter city this morning. All the chimneys and water tanks were shaken down at Suisun, Solano county, and at Treacey, San Juan county.

Sacramento, April 18.—(Special.)—The correspondent of the Associated Press here has been informed from reliable sources that the earthquake this morning created great destruction of property. The loss from this shock and subsequent fires will reach into the millions. The fire is still raging, covering an area from Montgomery street to the water front. It is said that hundreds of buildings in the business district have been ruined. The fire started in a dozen different places and is now being fought with dynamite.

New York, April 18.—The Postal Telegraph office at San Francisco was wrecked and communication was lost at 8:50, New York time.

At about 9:40 the Postal Telegraph company had communication with the San Francisco office but lost the connection again almost immediately.

In the brief period that the wire was working the San Francisco office reported that a number of buildings had collapsed and that the dead and injured were being taken from the ruins as rapidly as possible. At the time the message came through, the principal danger was from the fires, a number of which had started and were making great headway owing to the lack of water.

The electric lighting plant of the city has failed and gas mains are disrupted. The damage extends through the entire city.

San Francisco, April 18.—(8:15 a. m.)—(Special.)—A disastrous fire has broken out on the south side of Market street and is now within one block of the Palace Hotel. The water mains have burst and the fire department is practically helpless.

The greatest confusion exists. All business is suspended. At this moment there is only one wire-out of San Francisco, a Postal wire. The Postal building is badly damaged. The operating room is a total wreck. The power of every kind is gone and there are no lights, either gas or electric. Neither the Palace Hotel nor the St. Francis is gone, that is, so far as the outside damage goes, but the inside plastering, etc., is greatly damaged.

Between the Postal office and the water front there has been great danger by fire, which is burning fiercely, and there is little or no water. The fire is burning both on the east and south side of the Postal building. The damage by the earthquake apparently extend all over the city. The shock occurred at 5:15 this morning and lasted three minutes. The streets are blocked with debris. Buildings are being blown up all over the city. The residence districts are safe so far as heard from.

Three miles of the Southern Pacific track near Benicia was sunk down for a depth of about four feet.

Loss of Life Heavy and Estimated \$40,000,000 Worth of Property Destroyed

Portland, Ore., April 18.—(Special.)—San Francisco was practically wrecked by an earthquake at 5:10 this morning. The shock lasted three minutes and thousands of buildings have been damaged or destroyed. The ground sank from under the buildings in places to a depth of four feet, and water mains burst. This put a stop to all attempts at the fighting of flames, which began to break out throughout the business district. The entire water front is ablaze and the post office collapsed. The city hall, costing \$7,000,000, is in ruins. The Grand opera house is burning fiercely and apparently doomed. The gas works south of Market street have been blown up, but has started another big fire in that part of the city. The Palace hotel and Phelan buildings are in grave danger and the homes of the Call and Examiner are practically wrecked.

A combination paper is being issued from the Chronicle office.

There is no way of estimating the number of dead. Many

were killed outright by collapsing structures. Twenty-one bodies had been removed to the morgue shortly after the catastrophe. Many met death in the cheap lodging houses on Market street toward the ferry slip. The business section from Market street to Mission and from the Bay back has been almost completely wrecked.

The greatest damage to buildings was done south of Market street, where they are mostly frame buildings and tenement houses. The property loss is appalling, estimates placing it at from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000. Later reports states 100 dead had been recovered from the ruins. Martial law has been proclaimed. Dynamite is being used to check the spread of the flames. There is no access to the water front and people who sought refuge in that direction had to turn back in despair. Damage in Oakland, Berkeley and vicinity is severe, but the loss of life is small on that side of the bay. The shock was felt as far north as Ashland.

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sible for him to submit the matter to his colleagues.

International Waterways

The joint meeting of the international waterways commission will be held at Buffalo or Washington on the 26th instant. By that date, if the American commissioners have not been accorded by congress jurisdiction to deal with all the waterpower questions from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the Canadian section will advise postponement of further deliberations of the commission until their American colleagues are able to treat with them on equal terms.

Prince Arthur of Connaught

Prince Arthur of Connaught spent the day at the Ottawa Golf Club house. Luncheon was served, and in the afternoon a reception of the members and their wives was held. The weather was simply superb.

Mr. Emmerson's Railway Bill

Hon. Mr. Emmerson's railway bill took up considerable discussion in the House, after which the immigration estimates were considered. Replying to criticisms of the opposition, Mr. Oliver promised that full particulars of the North Atlantic Trading Company would be submitted to the House.

Repudiates Salary Grab

Mr. Wilson (Lennox) gave notice tonight of a bill to restore the sessional indemnity to \$1500 a year, also to abolish the pensions to ex-ministers, but retaining the increased salary to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the extra sessional indemnity to the leader of the opposition.

Mr. Fielding Convalescent

Hon. Mr. Fielding took his seat in the House today for the first time this session. He was loudly cheered by both sides. The minister is still traveling on crutches.

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CHINESE MILITARY ACTIVITY

Harbin, April 17.—Great Chinese military activity is reported in south Manchuria. Generals Ma and Yuan Shi Kih are increasing their forces.

KING EDWARD AT ATHENS.

Athens, April 17.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra and the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived here today. They were welcomed by King George and Queen Olga of Greece, and were given an ovation by the populace.

GREAT NORTHERN WRECK.

Helena, Mont., April 17.—No. 2 Great Northern eastbound, Oriental Limited, went into a ditch near Nashua, fourteen miles east of Glasgow yesterday afternoon, according to a special from Havre. Two or three passengers were slightly injured. Spreading rails caused the wreck.

TO HONOR BEN FRANKLIN.

Eyes of the Intellectual World Now Centred Upon Philadelphia

Philadelphia, April 17.—The eyes of the intellectual world will be centred upon Philadelphia during the next three days, when there will be gathered here for the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Benjamin Franklin men who are foremost in every human activity. Selmon in the history of this or any other American city has there been recorded an assemblage of such thinkers and of those who have contributed to the literature of science. The celebration takes place under the auspices of the American Philosophical Society, founded by Benjamin Franklin, of which he was president and with which he was identified the greater part of his life. The meetings open with a reception in Witherspoon Hall this evening, at which Dr. Edgar P. Smith will preside and give the address of welcome to the delegates. The day sessions tomorrow will be given up to the reading of papers of general scientific interest. In the evening addresses will be delivered relating directly to Franklin and his scientific work. Thursday morning will be devoted to exercises at the grave of Franklin. These ceremonies will be held under the auspices of the Masonic grand lodge, of which Franklin was a member. Later in the morning honorary degrees will be conferred on members of the society by the University of Pennsylvania. The last and most notable session will be held in the Academy of Music Friday morning. The meeting

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OPERATORS PREPARING FOR LONG STRUGGLE

Effect of Latest Answer to the Miners' Proposal Not Apparent.

A PROTRACTED STRIKE IS IN SIGHT

Tension Culminates in a Riot in Johnstown With Fatal Results.

Philadelphia, April 17.—It is difficult to forecast what effect the reply of the operators to the miners' latest proposition will have upon the latter. The miners almost to a man have signified their intention of standing by President Mitchell, but at the same time the operators have been quietly preparing to operate their mines. Preparations made indicate that the mine owners contemplate an extended strike.

The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company is building barracks around their collieries.

Preparing for Long Strike

Scranton, Pa., April 17.—The big coal companies, with the exception of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, are preparing for a long strike. Aggressive preparations are being made by the Delaware and Hudson company for a long strike. Colored coolies and laborers for the working of washeries are being imported, and extensive preparations are being made for the housing of hundreds of men. About one hundred immigrants yesterday were distributed at various points between Wilkesbarre and Carbondale and will be employed as coolies. Over one hundred box cars have been fitted up in the Carbondale shops for living purposes. Bunks have been placed inside and holes cut in them for ventilating purposes.

Fatal Riot in Johnstown

Johnstown, Pa., April 17.—After weeks of anxiety, the situation brought about by the controversy of the coal miners with the operators culminated last night in a riot at Windber, near this city, which finally ended in bloodshed. Four are dead and a number injured, and throughout the night the town was patrolled by armed guards.

The shooting was brought on by an assault upon the jail made by striking miners who attempted to rescue comrades who had been placed under arrest. The riot occurred in the early hours of the night and continued for several hours, working the residents to such a pitch that the night was one of terror. The dead are principally foreigners, and were miners who were out on strike. They were Pietro Martini, Antonio Mazzana and Paki Zills, who was the leader of the mob.

When the Deputies Fired

on the mob they fled, leaving three of their number on the ground, dead, and the strikers refused to permit the undertakers to remove the bodies. The latter remained where they fell until an early hour this morning.

The rioters were for the most part foreign elements who had been employed in the coal mines. A holiday that has always been greatly observed in this section by them. Yesterday the streets of Windber presented a carnival appearance. There was much liquor consumed and many were under the influence of liquor.

When the trouble broke out the state constabulary that was at Greenburg was immediately ordered to Windber, and a special was procured and rushed toward the scene of the riot. A few miles west of this city, however, the train was blocked by a freight wreck and the troops did not reach Windber until after 4 o'clock this morning. At that time the town had quieted and

No Demonstration Was Made

The constabulary relieved some of the deputies that were patrolling the town and the beats were placed at fifty yards.

There were many altercations and boisterous scenes on the streets throughout yesterday, but no serious clash occurred, and even a large mass meeting was held without any disorder until Deputy Sheriff W. M. McMullen appeared. The foreigners were apparently antagonistic to McMullen, and have an old standing antipathy to him. He was for five years chief of police of Windber, and during his administration it is said made himself unpopular with the miners.

Some of the signs of McMullen infuriated some of them, and he was looked on as a spy. Many of the men rushed for him and threats were made against his life, and he fled, taking refuge in the home of Charles Davies. The crowd, however, gave chase, and soon a mob of 2,500

Surrounding the Davies Home

and stoned it until the occupants were compelled to seek refuge with neighbors.

During this riot about twenty of the miners were placed under arrest and landed in jail. Under the leadership of Paul Zills, who was shot dead subsequently, the mob assailed the jail, throwing stones and any missile that was at hand. The deputies surrounded the jail, and with the aid of the fire department tried to restore order. The

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mob was persistent and refused to listen to cooler heads, who advised them to disperse and go home, and closing in on the jail began to assault the deputies. The latter tried to stop the onslaught with bayonets, and when it seemed that the deputies and firemen would go down before the infuriated men, the deputies fired. This was not done, however, before knives and revolvers appeared in the hands of the strikers. But one volley was fired, and at the sound of guns the mob broke and fled.

More serious trouble was expected to occur when the strikers appeared this morning and saw the state officers in charge. There were no developments, however, up to 7 o'clock.

TWELVE TONS OF GOLD.

Steamship Campania Brings \$6,250,000 to America.

Queenstown, April 17.—The steamship Campania, which sailed from here today, has on board what is said to be the largest consignment of specie ever sent across the Atlantic on one vessel. The total value of the specie is about \$6,250,000 and its weight is close to 12 tons.

AMERICAN BUYS KING'S VIEWS.

Whistler Etchings Owned by Edward Are Sold.

London, April 17.—The Morning Leader says it learns on good authority that the collection of Whistler etchings recently purchased by an American belonged to King Edward and which contained some of the best examples of Whistler's work.

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IMMIGRATION INUNDATION.

Sixteen Thousand Reach New York in One Day, Causing Blockade.

New York, April 17.—Sixteen thousand immigrants, most of whom will be subjected to restraint on board the vessels in which they come to America, are expected to reach New York today in the storage of moored trans-Atlantic liners. This was because a record-breaking rush of immigrants has swamped the bureau on Ellis Island, which has facilities for examining only 5,000 newcomers a day.

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NOVEL LEGAL ACTION.

New York Counsel Takes Unusual Steps to Secure Prisoner's Release

New York, April 17.—A novel legal action to get a client out of jail was instituted today in the United States District court by counsel for Charles E. Wenham, a prisoner in the Ludlow street jail, through the filing of a petition in bankruptcy. Wenham formerly was the western passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, located in Chicago, and was charged with being short in the accounts, judgments aggregating \$112,000 being filed against him.

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MICHAEL DAVITT'S HEALTH.

Dublin, April 17.—Michael Davitt, the great patriot, who is suffering from blood-poisoning, was successfully operated on today and is progressing satisfactorily.

WESTERN GRAIN RATES.

Chicago, April 17.—Western traffic men here agreed to increase the grain rates one cent from the Missouri River to the Gulf and Atlantic ports. This practically settles the grain rate, as no difficulty is expected in reaching an agreement between eastern and western roads regarding the charges to be levied at the seaboard. The rate from the Missouri River to the seaboard will be 24 cents and to the Gulf 19 cents from Omaha and 18 cents from Kansas City.

TRADES DISPUTES BILL.

British Labor Party Holds Conference on the Measure.

London, April 17.—At a conference of the labor party at Stockport-on-Tees today it was announced that the government would accept an amendment to the trades dispute bill on labor lines, and had agreed to put the bill in the hands of Solicitor-General Robson, who is more in sympathy with trades unions than the attorney-general, Sir James Lawson Walton, who was formerly in charge of the bill.

SWARM OF HOMESTEADERS.

Officials Find Difficulty in Handling Crowds at Edmonton.

Edmonton, April 17.—When the doors opened at the land office this morning 50 men were in line to make entry on homesteads, some of whom had been there since 7 o'clock. All day the office was crowded to overflowing. It was almost impossible to get in or out. Three rows of men stood packed like sardines outside the counter, money in hand, waiting their turn to file. Some very interesting scenes are witnessed and character studies provided every hour. Homesteaders do not depend on one choice; most of the land-hunters cover two and sometimes three townships and pick out half a dozen quarters that will suit them. One man at the immigration office this morning said he had picked out five quarters, and it is lucky for him; although they were all open, when he went out there was only one left when he got back to the land office. Immigration officials say there is every indication that the stampede will keep up unabated for several weeks. The immigration office as well as the land office is crowded every hour of the day and night with the throngs of land-hunters, and every morning from one to a dozen parties of six, eight or ten leave the office on a land hunt.

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Chilliwack Merchants After the Trade of Mount Baker Mining District.

The Bellingham Herald in a recent issue says: "The enterprising merchants of Chilliwack, British Columbia, are preparing to wrest the trade of the Mount Baker mining district, worth at least \$500,000 annually, from the merchants of Bellingham and towns along the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia Railway. This is the startling information brought to Bellingham by J. O. Carlisle, president of the Gold Basin Company, who has spent the winter at the company's property on Red Mountain.

"Carlisle states that the northern invaders have secured an appropriation from the Canadian government to build a wagon road to the international boundary line, from whence it will be comparatively easy to construct a road to tap the Red Mountain, Post-Lambert and adjacent properties. With this road the British Columbians will be able to control the winter trade of the high altitudes, unless the companies there buy heavily enough to last them all winter, because these upper properties are not accessible from the south when the snow flies thickly.

"It is further declared by Carlisle that the Chilliwack merchants have a good chance to capture a large part of the summer trade of the Baker region because of the bad condition of the trails and roads beyond Excelsior. Unless the commissioners of Whatcom county bestir themselves, intimates Carlisle, and take heed of the clamorings for better roads, there is a splendid opportunity for the provincials to meet the demand for roads and compete for the profitable business with the miners.

"To reach the Mount Baker district the British Columbians will not have to pass through unremunerative territory. On the other hand, the road will penetrate some of the richest mining districts in the province, passing on the way the famous Gold Bug and Pierce camps. Practically all the way the road will prove a paying investment, and as the Mount Baker district develops the possibilities for trade will increase substantially each year.

"Carlisle says the road builders are about ready to begin work and he says they can enter the Baker fields in July. In showing the great volume of business done with the local camp, it is estimated that the freight bill of the Mount Baker district in 1905 was approximately \$10,000, some of which was machinery and is not included in the computation of the trade returns."

Y. M. C. A. WORKERS.

Prominent Officials of the Organization Who Will Shortly Be Here.

Prominent among the passengers on the Empress of China is Rev. A. N. Marshall, of Adelaide, Australia. Mr. Marshall has been called the "John Macneil" of that country. He is a man of striking personality and is considered one of the ablest men in Australia. During his journey in this, his native land, he will give one of the commencement addresses at Toronto university in the latter part of May. He has been engaged for a month of special work among the Young Men's Christian associations of Canada. He will speak in Vancouver on Thursday and Friday, and will be in Victoria on Saturday, Sunday and Monday next.

On Sunday afternoon a big men's meeting will be held in the Victoria theatre, to be addressed by Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Walter M. Parsons, of Minneapolis, field secretary of the northwestern part of the continent, will also be in the city.

The officials of the local association are planning to make the most of the visit of these two gentlemen, and intend holding a supper and conference on Saturday evening and a big men's meeting on Monday night, besides the meeting in the theatre on Sunday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison desire to tender their heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends, inquirers and sympathizers, both during the long continued illness and sufferings of their dearly loved daughter, Edna, and also at the hour of their great grief and sorrow on her death. They specially desire to express to the attending medical gentlemen their keep appreciation of their skill and devotion to the patient, and to the nurses (day and night) for their great care and loving attention; to the many kind friends for their lovely floral tributes to the sick room; and to the ladies of the Archibald and Choir of St. Andrew's (R. C.) Cathedral for the beautiful and impressive services for the repose of the soul of their dear departed daughter. The Dr. died, April 17, 1906.

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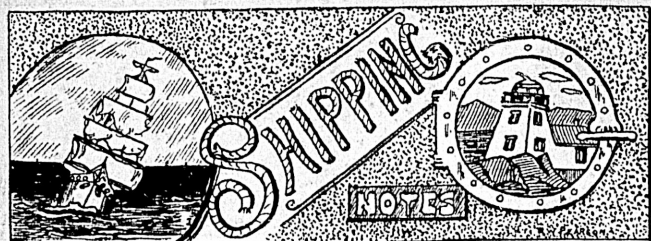
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R. M. S. Empress of China, of the C. P. R. line, arrived at William Head at noon yesterday from the Orient and was placed in quarantine pending advice from Ottawa as to what steps are to be taken regarding detention of the steamer.

The white liner has 402 passengers all told, 75 in the saloon, among them several notables, including Admiral Sir Gerald Noel, the distinguished retiring commander-in-chief of the British China Squadron and Viscount Aoki, first ambassador of Japan to the United States, with his wife, the Viscountess Aoki, who was Baroness von Rahden, a German lady belonging to a distinguished German family.

At Nagasaki, just prior to the departure of the steamer on April 2nd, sixteen days ago, the surgeon found one of the Chinese on board suffering from smallpox, and the Chinese was landed at the southern Japanese port. Sixteen days only had elapsed from the time of the landing of the Chinese until the arrival of the steamer at William Head, and, as eighteen days is the usual term of quarantine after the discovery of a smallpox case on any vessel, two days have yet to elapse before the regulations will have been complied with. Dr. A. T. Watt, superintendent of quarantine, ordered the Empress to the William Head after boarding her in the roads, and instead of proceeding on to the ocean dock as was anticipated by the usual course which had assembled to meet the liner, the Empress went to William Head and anchored at the quarantine station.

A despatch was sent to Dr. Montanari, advising him of the circumstances, and the action taken will be based upon his instructions. It is confidently expected by the C. P. R. officials that the steamer will be released today and will reach port with her distinguished passengers.

Of the steamer's cargo there are 150 tons of general merchandise for this port. Of the steamer's passengers there are 42 for Victoria.

The Tartar's crew, who were detained on the arrival of the steamer on March 17th, a month ago, have all been released with the exception of the three Chinese who were affected and a steward named Arsdell. It is expected that this quartette will be released today or tomorrow. It is not generally known that when the Oriental steamer passengers of the Tartar were quarantined at William Head, a lynching bee was narrowly averted. The matter was suppressed, but recently leaked out. It seems that the Japanese colony at Vancouver on hearing that a large number of their compatriots were detained at William Head, prepared some delicacies and shipped the tubs to William Head. The Chinese who saw the viands landed from the launch which took them from Victoria, thought the consignment came as a gift from the railway and steamship company, and tried to get a share. The Japanese naturally refused to share, but one of the Chinese was captured by the Japanese in the act of appropriating some of the delicacies.

The Chinese were seized and while some of the Japanese procured a rope, others roughly dragged the Chinese to a wooded portion of the quarantine station, where the rope was quickly cast over a convenient limb and a noosed end placed about the neck of the Chinese. Word of the attempted lynching reached Dr. Watt and he arrived just in time to prevent the Japanese hauling the Chinaman into a position where his feet would have been dancing on air.

CHARMER'S IMPROVEMENT.

Alterations Place Her in Better Condition Than Ever.

Capt. J. G. Cox in his report to Lloyd's agents regarding the repairs to the steamer Charmer, which recently replaced the Princess Victoria on the Victoria-Vancouver route, says he considers the steamer in better condition than she has been in since she came to Victoria. The report itemizes the work done on the steamer as follows: Doubling plate on sheer streak from aft of the engine room to the forward of the head, consisting six plates on each side of five-sixteenth inch steel; on the port side on the water line seven new plates and on the starboard side eleven new plates; all the port holes have been overhauled; the ports having been taken out where necessary and doubling plate put inside; all the port holes in the engine room removed and replaced with steel plates; the boilers disconnected, lifted and the box keelsons repaired and strengthened with new angle irons; new cement placed in the bottom; new angle iron keelson placed between the bilge keelson and sheer streak; all the keelsons renewed from the engine room through the boiler room and bunkers; all reverse frames, wash plates and floors renewed where necessary in the boiler room; an entire new bulkhead placed in the forward end of the boiler room with water tight doors to shut from the main deck; new doubling plates on the engine room bulkhead; the tail shaft withdrawn and the lignum vitae in the stern bushing renewed; the engine and shafting lined with all the hull cleaned, painted inside and outside, and the engine boilers and winches all thoroughly

overhauled and put in first class condition. "I consider," the report concludes, "the steamer is in better condition than she has been before or since she came here."

MINES ARE REMOVED.

The Submarine Defences of Esquimalt Have Been Taken Away.

Part of the scheme of defence elaborated by the Imperial government when Esquimalt was a fortress and a naval station was a system of submarine mines arranged by expert submarine mining engineers to guard the entrance to Esquimalt harbor, and now that the Canadian government has taken over Esquimalt, these have been removed and the cables and other material stored in the naval stores. This action has been carried out upon instructions from Ottawa on the score that their maintenance is too expensive. Many months ago the work of completing the fortress on Signal Hill was stopped on the same score, and the elaborate schemes of defence arranged by the Imperial government at Esquimalt are to be maintained only in as far as necessity absolutely demands. In other words the fortress will be in the hands of engineers. The mines which have been removed from Esquimalt were laid strung to four cables and there were about a score of them, all so arranged that they were operated from the test house of the forts on shore. The vessel attempting to enter Esquimalt in wartime with the mines in operation would have been a poor risk at Esquimalt. The several mines were so arranged that a single one might be exploded or several exploded simultaneously.

LIGHTS FLASHING NUMBERS.

Plan Recommended by United States Pilot for Aids to Navigation.

Three lightships, each flashing a separate number, is the plan advanced by Capt. G. McWilliams, pilot of the big American-Hawaiian liners and a well known skipper, of this city says the Post-Intelligencer. Capt. McWilliams favors the establishment of a lightship on the coast of Vancouver island between Beal and Carmanah, a new and stronger light and whistle at Tatooch and also a new light and stronger whistle at Carmanah. With these three lights, the captain claims, it would be impossible for a skipper to lose his bearings. "The Tatooch light," said he, "could flash any number, say 123, and the Carmanah light 456, and the other light something else. In this way it would be possible for a captain to locate himself, almost immediately. The lights should be vertical flashes. They could be distinguished for miles, even in foggy weather. The fog horns should also blow the number of the station. There would then be no guess work."

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Schooner Collides With Dynamite-Laden Steamer.

There was a steamship collision off Race Rocks on Sunday morning, when the schooner Daisy, collided with the steamer Melville Dollar, with 25 tons of dynamite, which added a terrible element to the danger on board. The Daisy's stem was smashed, her bulkheads broken and the fore rigging of the craft was jumbled on her deck.

The collision occurred about 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The freighter was coming into the Sound from San Francisco under a full head of steam and the schooner was beating down the straits to the fishing banks off Cape Flattery, bowling along on the starboard bow at brisk speed.

Captain Albert Lindqvist, of the schooner, expected that the steamer would pass on his stern as he had the right-of-way and consequently kept on his course. Second Officer Thomas P. Barron, of the Melville Dollar, thought the sailing vessel would put about on the port tack. As they drew together, however, he saw that the steamer was not tacking and ordered his helm "hard-a-port." Had it not been for this act the fisherman no doubt would have been cut in two as she was directly in the path of the Dollar. As the bow of the steamer swung the schooner crashed into her side.

The crew of the Daisy were thrown to the deck with great violence when she struck the side of the freighter. Captain Lindqvist, who was at the wheel when the impact of the collision came, was hurled clear to the forward hatch. Nearly every member of the crew was more or less bruised by being thrown against objects lying on the deck. They cleared away the wreckage as rapidly as possible and kept their craft clear of the Dollar's propeller. A line was passed to the Daisy and the steamer towed her to Seattle. She is badly damaged. A marine surveyor will go over her today to determine the extent of her injuries.

The dynamite in the hold of the Melville Dollar almost made the hair of the crew of that vessel stand on end for a moment. If the schooner had been

much heavier the force of the collision might have been sufficient to have shifted the explosive and exploded it with the probable loss of every life on both schooner and steamer.

FROM THE NORTH.

Steamer Chieftain, Capt. Anderson, has arrived from the Skeena river to be overhauled in readiness for the coming season's work in the North. Capt. Anderson reports that the business is expected on the Skeena river this season, and three steamers are preparing for the trade. The steamer Mount Royal of the Hudson's Bay company, which has just started north, the steamer Hazelton, of R. Cunningham and Sons, and the independent steamer Phensant are all preparing for the season's business.

Capt. Anderson reports that a large number of people are preparing to go into the Bulkley valley. A number are already waiting at Port Simpson and Port Essington to go into the interior by the first steamer leaving for Hazelton. Half a dozen people from the Bulkley valley are now waiting at Port Essington since the middle of the winter came there with the expectation that they could embark on the Grand Trunk Pacific train at Port Simpson and start at once for the interior.

TELLUS COMING.

Steam collier Tellus, which ran for so long on this coast carrying coals from the B. C. mines to San Francisco, and which went to Clipperton island from San Francisco, passed San Francisco on Saturday, bound to Royal Roads on her return from the lone island off the Mexican coast. The San Francisco Chronicle of Sunday last says: "Some miles off port she took on board Pilot Anderson, who left the vessel soon afterward, or in time to catch a boat bound into port. To him the master of the Tellus reported that his voyage to Clipperton had been devoid of noteworthy incident and that the Tellus was returning with a light cargo of fertilizer."

MARINE NOTES.

The Chilean, Alta, owned by A. P. Lorenzen of San Francisco, which was recently ashore at Manila, is reported to have arrived yesterday at Hongkong, where she will be required, at a cost of approximately \$30,000.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser of yesterday has the following: "William Henderson, Dominion government inspector of works, of Victoria, was in Vancouver during the latter part of last week and found that he had increased very considerably the number of his friends."

"How do you do? Glad to see you back," was the "time of day" of one gentleman who shook hands very cordially.

Mr. Henderson did not know him. "Have a good time while you were away?" another stranger asked.

"You're looking well after 'our trip' was what he heard from some one else, and he began to wonder for whom he was being taken in."

The next man who stopped him solved the mystery. "Your traveling has done you good, Mr. Miller," was the remark. Jonathan Miller, postmaster of Vancouver, got back last week from an extended tour in the East, and Mr. Henderson was taken for him. These gentlemen are very similar in appearance, being about the same build and weight, with white beard of the same cut. Postmasters seem to be doubles of Mr. Henderson. In Vancouver he is taken for Mr. Miller and in Victoria for Mr. Shakespeare, the postmaster there.

EQUAL TO IMPORTED.

What One Manufacturer Says to Another Manufacturer.

There is one woollen mill in Canada that makes as fine a serge cloth as is imported. It is the mill owned by the Semirad Company, which could put forward the strongest possible argument for made-in-Canada woollens. Most of his serges are sold by jobbing men as "imported" serges. That is not the Semi-ready idea. It's not honest. The same mill makes the "Blunoz" black and blue serges, a cloth which they brought up to the standard on specifications supplied by the president of the Semirad Company. It is a splendid serge, and is one of the proudest products of the Semi-ready tailory. The "Blunoz" is a cheviot finished serge, of pure wool and fast color, and is tailored in single and double-breasted sack suits.

REVIVAL IN MINING.

Amount of Tonnage Already Shipped Exceeds That of Last Year.

Nelson, B. C., April 14.—(Special).—The revival that is taking place in mining is shown in numberless ways of late, but perhaps there is no more striking evidence of the fact than the amount of tonnage which already is close up to 500,000 tons for the current year, an increase of 30 per cent on the figures of 1905. This week there have been five new shippers added to the list. But behind new shippers is the fact, not always too patent to an impatient public, looking for immediate results, that development must be undertaken and for development to be undertaken, on anything like a sufficient scale to form a claim into a permanent shipping mine, machinery has to be installed, roads have to be built and both time and money must be consumed. There are three instances of this coming to the front during the past few days. One is the option granted on the Oro Denora mine by the Denora mines to the B. C. Copper of Greenwood. The Denora mines find itself unable to economically work the property to its best advantage without a smelter and therefore sells, Resolving Its Capital

for the development of other properties, thereby not only enhancing the output of the Oro Denora which has been tentatively before it, but also making for the formation of yet more shippers. Another is the Velvet-Portland, on Sophi mountain, 16 miles south of Rossland. Here is a well developed property which is 12 miles from a railway, but which is approachable by a seven mile spur, if the development will justify it. Hence the English company is going to that development. This does not mean immediate shipment, but it does mean immediate employment of much capital. Similarly in the Ainsworth district, at the head of Kootenay lake, the Argenta is being developed by a Boston syndicate, headed by W. F. Almy. The Argenta syndicate has sufficient confidence to install the haul of a ten drill compressor. Work is being done on the sixth tunnel, about 700 feet below the outcrop, and the low grade copper vein, which has already had done upon it nearly a mile of underground driving and cutting, will be further shown up.

ADDITIONAL LIFE

SAVING APPLIANCES

An Important Bill Just Presented to the United States Senate.

A report on the bill to establish additional life saving appliances at the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca has been presented to the United States senate, which says in part:

"I have the honor to acknowledge your reference to a report of a committee of the committee on commerce, United States senate, dated March 15, 1906, transmitting senate bill 5023, fifty-ninth congress, first session, providing for the construction and equipment of a first class life saving ocean going tug, also a launch tender to be used in connection therewith, for service on the North Pacific coast of the United States, and asking for suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage."

Nature of the Coast

"The United States coast from Cape Flattery nearly to Grays Harbor is very rugged and fringed with outlying rocks, shoals and islets, and is a very dangerous place, with but few small stretches of beach where it is practicable to launch boats. It is almost destitute of inhabitants and entirely without the means of rendering aid in any case of disaster except at the extreme southern limit—Grays Harbor—where a life saving station was established in 1898, which has rendered successful assistance in several instances of shipwreck in that neighborhood. The coast south from Grays Harbor to Columbia river is protected by life saving stations, which have also rendered most effective service. I am informed that the portion of the coast of Vancouver island alluded to above is also rocky and inhospitable, but that it affords more frequent opportunities for the launching of boats than the portion of the United States coast described. Vessels at sea endeavoring to make entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca in thick or foggy weather are liable to overrun their distance and strike upon the Vancouver coast, especially when influenced by the set of the strong current which is said to run northerly from near the strait, and this danger is much dreaded by mariners."

What Is Needed

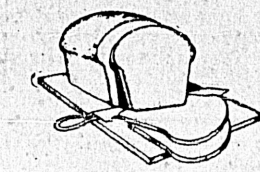
"It seems to me that the interests of commerce and humanity require that some efficient means should be provided for the preservation of life and property from vessels wrecked on the coast, and named. While the establishment of life saving stations at suitable intervals, if available locations affording the necessary launching facilities could be found on both coasts, would be a desirable and feasible, it is proper to say that these alone, at least upon our own coast, could not reasonably be expected to afford the degree of protection they usually give upon most other coasts, because of the absence of roads or other facilities for transporting boats and apparatus alongshore overland to wrecks occurring at a distance from the shore in cases where the surf might be impassable."

"I believe the most complete and efficient equipment for that coast, so far as life saving methods and appliances are concerned, would be as follows:

A Central Station

"1. The establishment of a life saving station on Wa-Addah island, or its immediate vicinity in Neah bay, a few miles inside of the strait, this being the nearest point to Cape Flattery offering facilities for the launching of boats in all kinds of weather and affording an anchorage or mooring place for a sea going tug; the station to be equipped with two large self righting and self balling lifeboats, so that whenever a tug is required, it could be launched and brought to the station, and the other would be available, each provided with proper sailing outfit and oars, and one of them, if not both, with power. It should also be supplied with sufficient oars or adjunct, a powerful sea going tug, to be under the control and subject to the direction of the station keeper."

"Its principal office should be, upon the occasion of a distant disaster, to tow one of the large lifeboats, manned with a life saving crew, to a suitable point as near the wreck as practicable, where the lifeboat could be dropped and proceed to the distressed vessel, make the rescue maneuvering with its own power and with the oars, and bring back to the tug in waiting the people rescued, and return for another lot of the shipwrecked if necessary. The tug, of course, should have on board all necessary life saving appliances. This is a method that has been used with great success when all other means have failed, and is especially adapted for use at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, where towing tug or other such means are not readily obtainable. The lifeboat has the advantage over a surfboat in its ability to convey a much larger number of persons, and in several other respects; but the tug should be provided with sufficient force in cases where it might be found advantageous to convey rescued people through the surf instead of on board the tug, and for running under power in the case of stranded vessels and other work in saving property. The tug should also be



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fitted with the necessary apparatus for wireless telegraphy, to enable communication with the wireless stations on shore and with vessels similarly equipped.

Three Substations

"2. The establishment of three life saving stations between Cape Flattery and Grays Harbor. If that number of suitable locations affording available launching facilities can be found at appropriate intervals, great numbers of persons upon the establishment of three such stations is now pending in the senate, upon which I am about to submit a report. These stations would be useful in a majority of the disasters occurring in their neighborhood by effecting rescues before the tug and lifeboat from Wa-Addah island could get notice and reach them, thus relieving the shipwrecked from hours of exposure, suspense and anxiety, and probably sometimes saving lives and property which would otherwise be lost. Another great advantage would be the patrol which the crew would make for the discovery of wrecks and the warning off, by means of signals, of vessels standing into danger, a life saving feature which annually prevents a great number of persons upon our own coasts. (The average number of such warnings is about 200 annually.) Still another important advantage of these stations would be their great utility in maintaining and operating the telephone line referred to in the next paragraph."

Telephone Line

"3. The construction of a telephone line from the Grays Harbor life saving station, passing through the three stations proposed and on top of Tatooch island light-house, by means of which and the telegraph line which is maintained by the weather bureau between Tatooch light and Port Crescent, along the southern shore of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the other stations, the telephone line could be immediately conveyed to the life saving station at Wa-Addah island, calling for the aid of the towing tug and lifeboats, if needed. By the same means intelligence of disasters upon the entire coast of Washington (as connection between Grays Harbor and Columbia river through the intermediate stations will soon be completed) could be conveyed by the connection with the commercial telegraph lines at Port Crescent to the shipping people, interested at the Sound ports, underwriters, consignees, etc., who could send additional aid for the salvage of the imperiled property, as well as instructions to the masters of the vessels concerned."

Tug Is Essential

"While I regard all the foregoing propositions as important, the establishment of a life saving station on Wa-Addah island (Neah bay), equipped as stated and furnished with a powerful ocean going tug, is, in my judgment, the most necessary. I have compared the establishment of the station at Wa-Addah island and the construction of the ocean going tug as one proposition, because I regard each as essential to the highest efficiency of the other. The usefulness of the life saving station without the tug would be confined to a comparatively limited field and could afford relief only to casualties occurring on a portion of the south shore of the strait, and immediately at the point of the cape, while with the tug the scope of its operations would be very extensive, as hereinbefore shown."

Died at Hospital.—George Danihean, aged 21 years, and a native of San Francisco, died at the Marine Hospital on the 15th instant. The funeral will take place this morning from the parlors of W. J. Hanna to the Roman Catholic cathedral at 9 o'clock.

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Leave.	Arrive.	Leave.	Leave.	Arrive.	Leave.
Victoria	9:00	12:06	Victoria	3:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:40	Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5:40
Duncan	11:00	10:40	Duncan	5:00	5:40
Chemahua	11:22	9:30	Chemahua	5:32	4:17
Ladysmith	11:52	9:10	Ladysmith	6:00	4:00
Nanaimo	12:35	8:20	Nanaimo	6:42	3:15
Ar. Wellington	12:53	8:00	Ar. Wellington	6:55	3:00

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NOVA SCOTIA'S FINANCES.

Premier Murray of Nova Scotia in his budget speech the other day announced a surplus of \$20,822. He had the satisfaction of pointing to steady and substantial progress during the year. Of the actual receipts, \$1,324,531, there were derived from royalties from mines alone the sum of \$613,811, or nearly half. This is a good showing. The result has been contributed to in a large measure by the great development in coal mining and in the iron and steel industry. Nova Scotia, however, has a growing public debt. The Halifax Chronicle in dealing with that says that "the total expenditure on capital account up to the end of the fiscal year was \$3,489,422, but against this gross debt the province has substantial assets totalling over \$4,500,000, which makes the net debt \$3,372,240. The public debt of the province is growing, but it has been incurred for useful public purposes, notably in building railways, the expenditure for which, the Premier said, the rapid industrial development has fully justified. In the present satisfactory condition of our finances the increase in the debt affords no cause for alarm, for it is to be noted that the public debt of Nova Scotia has not imposed one dollar of burden of taxation upon the people." This is, of course, the Liberal point of view.

PROVINCIAL MEMORIALS.

As will be seen by special Ottawa correspondence, the memorials of several provincial governments have been presented to parliament. British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario reserve their right to make special claims for one reason or another. What it will probably lead to in the end will be the appointment of a joint commission of experts to determine a basis of financial arrangements. A feeling of dissatisfaction is growing in all the provinces with respect to the subject, and there seems to be no good reason for delaying the inevitable. A difficult task had better be undertaken at once. It may not be possible to arrive at a basis that will be satisfactory to all the provinces, but it ought not to be impossible to devise relations that will be fairer to the provinces. It may even yet be found necessary to revise the B. N. A. Act as a whole. At present we see the Maritime Provinces apprehend a serious reduction in their federal representation. That arises from the fact that Quebec was made the unit of representation, and as its population increases the Maritime Provinces, which are not increasing in population, find their representation decreasing after each decennial census-taking. They claim that, though the terms were agreed to, it has worked out in a way different to that anticipated, and that the number of members they had in the House of Commons when they entered Confederation should not at least be reduced. Any amendment of the actual terms of union, affecting the constitution, would require Imperial consent to make it valid.

ETHICS AT OTTAWA AND VICTORIA.

We have heard a good deal in the local press about the Kaian Island deal as a transaction by which the Grand Trunk Pacific Company got 10,000 acres of land as a terminus at \$1 an acre (2,500 acres being reserved by the government), but we have not observed any mention of a deal made at Ottawa

whereby certain individuals, who afterwards formed themselves into the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, became possessed of 250,000 acres of land for \$1 an acre, which they were afterwards able to sell for \$8 an acre. We are not arguing from the "tu quoque" standpoint, because if one be wrong it does not justify the other; but if it be wrong to sell land for terminal purposes for less than could have been secured for them—and assuming that all the facts of the case are as have been represented—is it any less wrong to sell 250,000 acres for as many dollars to private speculators when these same gentlemen are in a position to realize \$2,000,000 from the land so purchased, or eight times what they paid for it?

Then there is another transaction to which we have seen no reference in the local press. In the auditor-general's report last year is found a charge of \$194,230 for the bringing of immigrants into the country by a corporation known as "The North Atlantic Trading Company." Nobody at Ottawa, not even members of the government, seems to know who comprise this company. It is not a steamship company, and has no realizable assets. It seems to have an arrangement with the department of immigration whereby it spends \$15,000 per annum in advertising on the continent and gets \$5 per head in return for each immigrant "landed." Examination of the returns show that the immigrants are from the continent and include Galicians, Bohemians, Roumanians and the other foreign elements in the Northwest. This arrangement has been in force since July, 1901, and is credited with nearly 40,000 settlers. The marvelous part of it is that all information respecting the personnel of the company is refused for, presumably, state reasons, and thus, therefore, a peculiar Siftonian flavor about it.

ONTARIO'S NEW EDUCATIONAL LAW.

The Ontario legislature is considering a brand new educational measure. It has been introduced consistent with the promises of the Whitney government to provide a new and improved system of education. Of course, in judging of its merits one has to understand the conditions in that province, which are greatly different from those existing in British Columbia. In Ontario they had a first-class educational system before this province was in existence as a province. It was largely based on a policy suggested and developed by the late Rev. Egerton Ryerson. There have been many modifications of the system since his time. In fact, it has of late years, through political manipulation and faddism, very largely gone to seed. The provisions of the new bill are numerous and elaborate, as well as important, and it would be difficult to enumerate them here. There is to be a superintendent as well as a deputy minister of education, which will combine expert and executive services. The most radical feature is the recognition of the principle of a minimum salary for teachers, it being henceforth impossible, as it was possible in the past, for rural teachers to be jewed down by school boards or coming into competition with each other. Discipline is provided for teachers who accept smaller salaries. The salaries are fixed at \$250, \$200, \$150 and \$50, as the assessed value of the taxable property exceeds, respectively, \$100,000, \$80,000, \$40,000, \$30,000, or is less than that amount. Where an assistant teacher is employed, his or her minimum salary is \$150. This innovation is accompanied by a provision that each county shall raise for rural schools an amount equal to the grant of the province for that purpose. The township levy for each public school is increased from \$150 to \$250, with \$150 additional for every assistant teacher. In addition to the foregoing, the bill provides for the appointment of an advisory council of seventeen members, representing the four universities, the high, public and separate school teachers, and the public school inspectors. Provision is made for the appointment of a commission to deal with the school book question, and to conduct such investigations and inquiries as may be found necessary. There are larger grants for public and separate schools, to be asked for in the supplementary estimates. There are to be additional normal schools provided for; but the old-fashioned county and city model schools are to be abolished, though the district model schools are to be retained.

High schools, the truancy and the public libraries acts are to be amended and consolidated at the next session of the legislature; and steps are to be taken next session to reorganize the system of public school inspection.

The foregoing are the principal provisions of the proposed new act, but further changes are proposed as soon as the educational authorities have an opportunity of developing their views on several of the subjects held in abeyance. One satisfactory result of the Ontario minister of education's efforts is that the measure is not receiving partisan opposition and is likely to be passed practically as submitted.

THE JIM HILL "INVASION."

Perhaps no other topic is being discussed so much in Canada as this at the present moment. A great many of the eastern papers take a non-committal position; a few appear to welcome the designs of the great railway magnate; a number of leading newspapers reflecting the more conservative elements of the community view with some degree of apprehension the campaign of foreign railway invasion. The leading Conservative

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papers are mainly opposed. A great deal depends upon the attitude that will be taken at Ottawa in respect to the question as to how many of the newspapers now "on the fence" will view the situation.

The Toronto Globe publishes a map showing the various Hill lines that tap the Canadian boundary from the south, and to some extent they have the appearance of ribs in a carcass. We have, for instance, between Estevan and the Lake of the Woods no less than twelve of these; and between Virken and Vancouver, in the western half of the west, no less than ten points in Canadian territory are reached by the Hill system. If Jim Hill decides to build a line wholly within Canadian territory it will be to act as a catch-drain out of which Canadian products will flow into the various branches connecting with his main line to Duluth. It is stated upon the authority of a press correspondent at Winnipeg that there is a big "if" in Hill's policy, the "if" being contingent upon the C. P. R. not staying out of his exclusive territory in Minnesota, Dakota, Montana and Washington. The genesis of the present fight was in the famous contest when Corbin was fighting for a charter into the Boundary country in 1897 and 1898.

The C. P. R. might have been in possession of the whole of the Corbin system and got it cheap but for the policy announced by the president that he intended to remain within Canadian territory. He probably foresaw the day when, if the C. P. R. entered the Hill territory, with Spokane as a centre of operations, it would lead to reprisals. Whether he did or not, he at all events stubbornly, and some think foolishly, refused to buy the Nelson & Fort Sheppard the Red Mountain and Spokane & Northern railways. Jim Hill, however, took advantage of the opportunity, and once having tasted blood, seemed to have been in a mood to continue the fight further. He followed up the mining development in Boundary, in East Kootenay and in the Similkameen. He has, by reason of easy grades and the accessibility of the various British Columbia mining camps along the boundary to his own system, to some extent worsted the C. P. R.

The latter corporation, however, owing to the phenomenal rush of population to the Northwest, was in a position to strike a heavy counter blow to Jim Hill in his own prairie territory. While he was developing his plans to capture the trade of the mining districts of British Columbia, the C. P. R. was developing the "Soor" system in the United States to carry the settlers and their effects from the American to the Canadian Northwest. In this respect Jim Hill has really felt hurt by the C. P. R. competition. There is no doubt about it now that Hill's next move in the game is to get into the Canadian prairies and haul out of them as much of the grain of that country as possible as grist to his own mill. Whether he intends to build a line through from Winnipeg west to his own system at Fernie, or just go north wherever he can obtain charters for sale, probably very much depends upon the attitude of the C. P. R. If the latter will agree to give up its aggressive campaign of competition in the American Northwest, Hill may graciously abandon his all-Canadian line of railway and just get into the Northwest wherever an opportunity offers.

There are some interesting comments observed with reference to the proposed line of Jim Hill in Canada in relation to the government railway policy at Ottawa. If the American railway magnate is willing to come into Canadian territory and build a line of railway to the coast, and announce his intention of completing it within three years at the outside, absolutely without government assistance of any kind, why should the Grand Trunk Pacific be bonused to construct a line which will not be completed for at least seven or eight years? This is rather a knotty question for the authorities at Ottawa, especially as they must consider the interests of the Grand Trunk Pacific in connection with any policy they may adopt respecting Jim Hill's line or lines of railway. It is suggested that the proposal of Jim Hill practically disposes of the necessity of Canada ever granting more subsidies to new lines of railway. This is an interesting phase of the question and may be considered subsequently in a separate article.

Our citizens will be asked to subscribe to the Naples relief fund. The world is getting to be an exceedingly small place and the sympathies and interests of the people growing correspondingly wide. Wherever famine takes place or disaster occurs, thither they are carried by generous impulse within a few hours. All over America and, of course, in all the cities of Europe, subscriptions are being invited in behalf of the victims of the Vesuvius catastrophe. Large sums are not necessarily asked for. Victoria has been pretty well drained of late for one worthy object or another. If you cannot feel that you can afford five dollars, one will be very acceptable; or if one-dollar bills are scarce, any sum to show that your heart is in the right place will be gladly received.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[The Editor does not hold himself responsible for views expressed by correspondents.]

A GOOD PLAY.

Sir—We are accused, and with some justice, of falling to patronize good shows which come to Victoria. Now, "Monsieur Beaudine" is one of the prettiest of plays, and Creston Clarke is a fine actor. May I suggest to Victorians generally that they do not allow him to pay to a nearly empty house again this time, lest he should give them the go-by in the future?

AN ADMIRER.

LIGHT WANTED.

Sir—In the Colonist of the 7th the Rev. W. Leslie Clay expresses concern lest he and associates may be "associated with the followers of the red flag." There are many who do not understand the connecting of anarchy with said followers, and who are honestly seeking light before entering into or against the movement. It surely cannot be that the learned gentleman, and a teacher, would blantly cast reflection on the followers of any flag to increase their tribulations in the face of what the Russian masses are seeking to emerge from! In making use of the statement, as he did, Mr. Clay must have well founded ideas, and I would ask, for the benefit of your many readers interested in the subject, that he make his correction in connection with Orphan Home matters more clear by kindly explaining what he believes the red flag to stand for as a political emblem, or as to what peculiarly objectionable ideas do the followers of the red flag entertain?

W. J. LEIGHAM.
Tod Inlet, March 16, 1906.

HOW OTTAWA WOULD HAVE DONE IT.

Mail and Empire.
If Clifford Sifton and Wilfrid Laurier had been running the Colliery mines and the Gilles limit there would have been no such enterprise as government operation. The wealth would have gone to private parties and another batch of politicians would have come out rich. We should have probably been asked to give away the mines to politicians offering to build a narrow gauge railway to them.

HILL'S INTENTION.

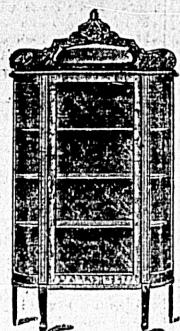
Hamilton Spectator.
Information from St. Paul tells us that there is an "if" in the way of Jim Hill's trans-Atlantic road. He will build it "if" the Canadian Pacific does not step its feet out of his Great Northern trough. News from Winnipeg tells us that the people there do not believe that Hill will ever build that section, as he is proposing rail lying between Montreal and Winnipeg. That means that Winnipeggers think Hill's design is to provide a system to feed his Great Northern with Canadian products.

LIFE'S SIMPLE PLEASURES.

Toronto Star.
Prof. Adolph Gluck of Chicago, it is said, is about to lay a wager of \$25,000 that for one year he will not utter a single falsehood, will eat nothing but raw, uncooked foods, will fast thirty-six consecutive hours in the week, and will keep his feet out of his Great Northern trough. News from Winnipeg tells us that the people there do not believe that Hill will ever build that section, as he is proposing rail lying between Montreal and Winnipeg. That means that Winnipeggers think Hill's design is to provide a system to feed his Great Northern with Canadian products.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

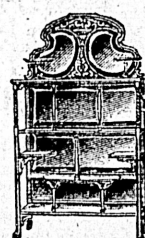
1587—John Fox, author of "Acts and Monuments of the Church," died.
1638—New Haven settled by John Davenport.
1644—Massacre of colonists in Virginia by Indians.
1650—Sir Simonds d'Ewes, collector of historical records, died.
1689—Sir Edmund Andros deposed and imprisoned in Boston.
1710—Four American Indian chiefs arrived in London and received in state by the Queen.
1731—William Wilkes, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, born.
1740—Sir Francis Baring born. Died September 10, 1810.
1743—Jacob Blay, first president of William and Mary college, died. Born, 1655.
1775—Ride of Paul Revere from Boston to Lexington.
1781—British evacuated Camden, S. C.
1782—Louis XVI, and family arrested by the populace and returned to Paris.
1796—Sydney Smith taken prisoner on French fleet and sent to Paris.
1802—Erasmus Darwin, English poet, died.
1814—Genoa, Italy, surrendered to the allies.
1817—George Henry Lewes, author and husband of George Eliot, born. Died November 20, 1878.
1841—Dr. John Abernathy, eminent English surgeon, died.
1847—American war carried the heights of Cerro Gordo.
1849—Hungary declared independence; Kossuth supreme governor.
1861—Armory and arsenal at Harper's Ferry destroyed.
1864—Confederate attack on Fort West; gunboat Southfield sunk.
1868—Press dinner to Charles Dickens at Dr. Monro's, New York.
1874—Funeral of Dr. Livingstone in Westminster Abbey.
1876—President Grant vetoed a bill to reduce his salary to \$25,000.
1880—Many killed and injured in Missouri tornado.
1886—\$1,500,000 loss in Honolulu; 60 acres of buildings destroyed.
1887—Publication of Parnell criminal letter in London Times.
1888—Roscoe Conkling died. Born October 30, 1820.
1893—Dowager Duchess of Sutherland sentenced to imprisonment for contempt of court.
1895—Lucy Larcom, poet, died, aged 67.
1895—R. C. Wickliffe, ex-governor of Louisiana, died.
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Again Laid Over.—The application in connection with the Orphanage board trouble, which was to have been heard yesterday before the chief justice, was again laid over, owing to the absence from the city of his lordship. The hearing was fixed for Friday next at 2 p. m. It is possible the matter may be settled out of court.

Survey Party.—The Nanaimo Free Press in its issue of Monday says that William Regan, head of the C. P. R. exploration survey parties on Vancouver island, will start another party out from Comox today. The party started last week is at Extension, and move camp today.

Mothers' Club.—This afternoon at 3 o'clock the Mothers' club will hold its meeting in the Spring Ridge school. The subject for discussion will be "Prompt Obedience," and a paper will be read by Mrs. Sherwood. Everyone will be made welcome, as these meetings are for all mothers who are interested in the subject.

Missionary Workers.—The fifteenth annual meeting of the British Columbia branch of the Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church of Canada will be held in Centennial church, Victoria, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 9th, 10th and 11th. A comprehensive programme has been arranged for the occasion.

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The Promis Block.—The Promis block, recently erected on Government street, and described in the Colonist, has no lack of tenants. The offices of the North Canadian Fur & Transportation company have been moved to the new building. The offices of the Rosella Hydraulic Mining company are now also located there.

Victoria Clearing House.—The annual meeting of the board of management of the Victoria Clearing House was held at the office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 11th instant, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. H. B. Mackenzie, president; Mr. A. J. C. Galtely, vice-president; Mr. T. H. Laundry, manager. The total clearings for the week ending 17th instant were \$250,777.

Relief Fund Opened.—Through the patriotic action of Signor Claudio, a fund for the relief of the sufferers from the famine caused by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius has been started in this city, and all monies collected will be sent directly to the King of Italy. The British and French people have both rendered assistance, the latter having contributed \$3,000 in money, and the former having, among other acts to give relief, despatched a squadron to the afflicted district.

Easter Entertainment.—This evening an Easter entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Knox Presbyterian church, Spring Ridge, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howell, 312 Richmond avenue. An excellent programme has been arranged. It includes a number of social games, addresses and musical selections. Refreshments will be dispensed. A nominal admission fee of 15 cents will be charged, and all attending are assured an enjoyable evening.

Methodist Conference.—Commencing Wednesday, May 9th, the British Columbia conference of the Methodist church will meet in the Metropolitan Methodist church, extending to Thursday May 11th. On the intervening Sundays the pulpits of the various churches of the denomination mentioned will be occupied by visiting clergymen. Several of the general conference officials will be in Victoria and take part in the proceedings, including Dr. Potts, general secretary of education, and Dr. Crews, general secretary of Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues. The usual arrangements have been made with the transportation companies for "convention rates."

Epworth League.—At the annual business meeting of the Metropolitan Epworth League officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, H. B. Ritchie; first vice-president, Mrs. Francis; second vice-president, Mr. Tribe; third vice-president, Mr. Harrison; fourth vice-president, Miss Bennett; secretary, Miss E. Harter; treasurer and organist, Miss F. Bailey; leader of forward movement for missions, A. C. Charlton; reporter, E. B. Jones. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers. After the conclusion of business the league adjourned to the schoolroom, where refreshments were served and a social hour spent, as a farewell to Mr. Dowton, of the Royal Artillery, who will soon leave for England.

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Services at Quamichan.—The Easter Sunday service at St. Ann's Church, Quamichan, was much enjoyed by the many who flocked to the doors, many being unable to obtain seats. The singing and music by the Brothers Delorine and Mr. H. Stewart was indeed splendid. The boys of the protactate also sang very sweetly, which reflects great credit upon the good Sisters of St. Ann's. The altar, with its fifteen feet of flowers, combined with the light of fifty candles, would indeed be hard to describe, and last, but not least, to see about seventy Indians at the altar rail receiving holy communion speaks well for the little pioneer church of Quamichan. The service was conducted by the Rev. Father Rondeau, assisted by the Rev. Father Durrant.

New Inventions.—Below will be found a list of Canadian patents secured during this week through the agency by Messrs. Marion & Marion, patent attorneys, Montreal, Canada, and Washington, D. C. Information relating to these will be supplied free of charge by applying to the above named firm: Gustav Raap, Berlin, Germany, apparatus for producing mixtures of air and gas; Hilary Quertier, Dunedin, New Zealand, rail cleaners; Joseph A. Campbell, Bedford, Que., hay fork; George Sparks, Fairbairn, Eng., hydraulic clutch; Joseph Marois, Montreal, N. Y., curtain pole and shade roller supporting bracket; Walter H. Trotman, Rosemeath, Eng., water-making of paper; Octave Germain, Montreal, Que., stoves; Julius Asbeck, Krautsehdorf, Germany, process of obtaining lead and silver from their ores.

Interesting Relic.—An interesting relic is being exhibited by F. Landsberg at his place of business on Johnson street. It is nothing more nor less than a model of an Indian house from which the residence of Chief Neeshah-Pook, of the Alert Bay Indians, was constructed. The model is now about fifty years old. The chief belonged to the whale clan, and his house bears the family crest. In 1881, when Chief Neeshah-Pook was converted to Christianity, the model of the house was brought to Victoria on the old steamer Beaver and purchased by E. J. Salmon, in whose possession it has been till only recently, when it was secured by Mr. Landsberg. The model is at present on view at the store, and already many hunters of curios have taken advantage of the opportunity to have a look at it.

Electric Street Sprinkler.—It has not yet been definitely decided where the electric street sprinkler is to be constructed, but it is most likely that the work will be done in this city. It had been intended to have the greater part of the work done in New Westminster, but owing to the rush of work at that point it has been practically decided that the workmen of this city will be given an opportunity to show their skill. It will be necessary to import some of the fittings, but the work of putting the car together will be done in the local car sheds, which will be another example of the efforts of the electric company to assist Victoria. The local branch officials are anxiously awaiting the arrival of several more new and up-to-date cars for traffic purposes. Several new ones are in course of construction, and it has been promised that Victoria will receive her share. It is expected that the first will arrive about the first of the coming month, while the others will be on hand before the celebration.

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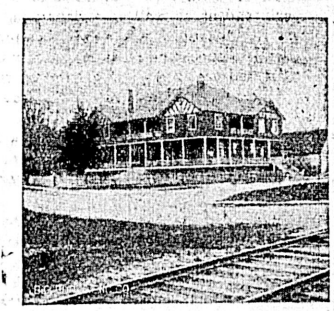
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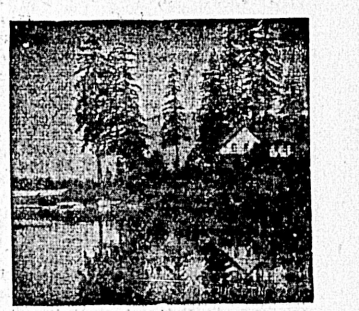
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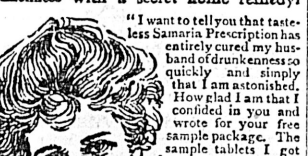
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FOR SALE--Levate cream separator in good order, Corner Bay and Government.

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WANTED--A young girl (18) seeks position as mother's help, in a quiet country family; can teach young children. Good reference. Apply 60 Rae street. a6

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WANTED--Situation in office or store by a lady, experienced and capable of taking charge of a department. References. Box 23 Colonist. m23

WANTED--FEMALE HELP

WANTED--A housemaid; small family, no children. Apply 175 Yates street. a18

WANTED--Useful woman for daily work hours, 7:30 to 1:30; light cooking and housework (three in family). Apply 60 Rae street. a18

WANTED--To move sewing machine bands. Apply Turner, Beeton & Co.'s shirt and overall factory, corner of Bastion and Wharf streets. a18

WANTED--A strong woman to attend invalid and do light housework. Apply 54 Fort street. a18

WANTED--Maid for small family; plain cooking, light housework (three in family). Wages \$20 per month. Apply 60 Rae street. a17

WANTED--A housekeeper. Apply Bastion Hotel. a15

WANTED--A girl to take care of two children. Apply The Poplars. a15

WANTED--Girl or woman for general housework. Apply 115 Fisgard street. a17

WANTED--A woman to take charge of infant by the year; payments monthly. Apply Box 133 Colonist. a15

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WANTED--Immediately, English or Scotch house parlor maid; kind, considerate home. Apply 60 Rae street. a7

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WANTED--Nurse for Vancouver family. One child. Salary \$18. 74 Discovery, City. a7

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WANTED--Active boys over 14 years. Apply B. C. Messenger Service, 9 View street. a18

WANTED--A boy at Schnitzer & Sons' cigar factory, 148 Government street. a18

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FOR SALE--Two dozen hens and 8 ducks. Mrs. Millett, 29 Counts street. a18

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Local News

Tally-Ho in Service.—Yesterday the Victoria Transfer company's tally-ho started on its regular summer runs, making the second already in commission on Victoria's streets this spring. The company is now negotiating with English firms for a large automobile tourist car.

Lensed Victoria Home.—Pat Burns, the cattle king, has taken a lease of one of the prettiest of Victoria's homes, that of the late Judge O'Reilly, on the Gorge, just above Point Ellice bridge. It is understood that Mr. Burns will bring his family here for the summer, and that possibly their stay in Victoria may be indefinitely prolonged.

Street Obstruction.—The large brick tank at the corner of Johnson and Government streets, which was recently filled in, is causing the track-layers for the tramway company no end of trouble. When it came to excavating for the ties it was found that the upper surface of brick would have to be removed, and that the tank was well constructed could easily be seen by the efforts of the men who were engaged in digging it up.

The Closing Scene.—A very large number attended yesterday afternoon the funeral of Edna Olive, daughter of Mr. C. A. Harrison, which took place from the Hotel Diarrid to the Roman Catholic church at 4:30 o'clock. The convent sisters, accompanied by all the students of the class, attended in a body, and a very affecting scene was their leave-taking of their little classmate in the parlors before leaving for the cathedral. His Grace Archbishop Orth conducted the services. Appropriate hymns were sung, after which the cortege proceeded to the steamer, where the remains were placed for shipment in a beautiful metallic casket, en route for Los Angeles, Cal., the parents accompanying the same. Most beautiful floral emblems were presented by the large number of sympathizing friends. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. H. D. Helmcken, K. C., J. Radiger, D.

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The Legion of Frontiersmen and Its Aims Approved by War Department.

TWENTY THOUSAND ALREADY ENROLLED

Novel Method of Providing an Armed Nation Has Caught On.

London Mail.

A corps training men for active service, conducted by private enterprise, yet recognized by the government, is unusual that the Legion of Frontiersmen, which has just been formed, may claim a unique position.

Even prior to the permission of the secretary of state for war the idea had "caught on" so well among those who have roughed it in outlying parts of the Empire, that 5,000 men are waiting for enrolment, and another 20,000 are expected to join in the near future.

The legion may be defined as a self-governing and self-supporting association of men trained by working, hunting, or fighting in wild countries or at sea. It is enrolled for sport in readiness to assist in the defence of the Empire during emergency. It will provide small bodies of capable and daring pioneers for unusually dangerous work, and carefully trained intelligence agents, well informed guides, and highly trained scouts to assist us in the event of a war.

Of the status of the legion no more need be said than that it is a body of men, all are Prince Louis of Battenberg, Lord Lonsdale, Lord William Seymour, Lord Ouslow, General Sir John French, Admiral Sir Percy Scott, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Sir Henry Scott-Kerr, who is chairman of the executive.

"Efficiency" Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "Lost Legion" suggested the idea, and a letter entitled "Losing the Legion," which appeared in the more than a year ago in several London papers, suggesting that the legion should be formed, provoked an enthusiastic response from every part of the Empire. Lord Lonsdale took an immediate interest in the scheme, and gave dinner at his town house at which a representative committee was formed.

Without official sanction, of course, an association of this kind would be an impossibility. The fall of the late government threw the council back considerably, but immediately after the general election proposals were again submitted, and the approval of the secretary for war was obtained on February 15 last for the legion as a self-governing and self-supporting society.

"Without," says the founder, "being in the least bit alarmed, we notice that our Empire is greatly admired in the Continent. Perfectly friendly nations have lately admired our Sudan, have endeavored to express their natural wish to own it, and have promoted a policy of 'protecting' our commerce by planting coaling and torpedo bases along our trade routes. This very natural admiration of, and wish for, our possessions is a sign of strength, and England the plous aspiration of any power which needs some of our colonies for her own legitimate expansion. We hope to be the first bearers of news, to watch and report the progress of the legion, to provide local guides for the defending army, to blow up all the bridges on the enemy's lines of advance, to jump in behind and be the lines to his base, and to see that he never gets within sight of us. We want to cherish the enemy; but to fight him is the work of the army."

The objects of the legion are closely in accord with those of the army, and the preparation for war so strongly advocated by Lord Roberts. It is by training itself for war in time of peace that the legion is trying to put into practice what Mr. Haldane has preached since his appointment to office—the policy of an armed nation.

Private Armies The legal difficulties in forming the legion have been immense. As most people are not allowed to own arms, and anyone who chooses to organize an army or military force in this country, it is illegal to train such a force except with the authority of the secretary for war, and the reason for this is the confusion caused by the possession of private armies in the state.

"I speak," says the founder, "of very early stages of the game, before there was any legion or any attempt to direct action. Since July 25 last my misguided efforts have been replaced by a practical, business-like, and thorough general council, sound in finance, trusted by the authorities, and working with devoted patriotism. It is amusing to look back on the chaotic beginnings, my long series of blunders, now happily ended.

There were several legal problems in securing arms. In the early stages an experimental command was started in London, and a great deal of theory was put to practical tests.

It was the practical experiments which led to the discovery that the only lawful way of training for active service was on the basis of the authorized rifle clubs. A rifle club can, of course, be legally organized by private effort.

Further particulars may be had from the secretary, Legion of Frontiersmen, 6 Adam street, Adelphi, W. C., who will welcome applications from those who have had an experience of a rough life in any part of the Empire.

HILL ROWAN.

The Gerardy Concert.—It is understood that, although the Arion club is not officially connected with the coming Gerardy concert, the members are indisputably much interested in this most important musical event, and are looking forward with pleasure to hearing the world's greatest cellist next Friday. It is to be hoped that there will be such a large attendance as will show that Victoria can appreciate an artist of the highest rank such as Jean Gerardy, in spite of all that is said to the contrary.

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EASTER TEA.

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Duncan, April 17.—(Special.)—Since time was, or very nearly so, the people of Cowichan have gathered on Easter Monday for the Easter concert, or, as it used to be called, the Easter tea. In those days it was held in the old Institute, which Mr. Jaynes afterwards used as a barn, until one night it was burned down, and the folks drove in from miles round to this great gathering of the spring; there were but two such in the year, and the other was the fall show. The entertainment always was and is in aid of St. Peter's church, and the ladies of the congregation, who were perfect mistresses of the culinary art, used to vie with each other in hospitality to their assembled guests. After tea someone would go round with pencil and paper getting up the programme, and as all had come meaning to be pleased and their entertainers exerted themselves to the best of a very good ability, the result was entirely satisfactory. But circumstances have altered in eighteen years; then Quamichan (there was no Duncan) was the only rendezvous; now each district has its own centre, but still the audience has grown too large for the old ways, so the high tea has resolved itself into refreshments, and the programme is worked upon for weeks before. The entertainment last night was a fair example of the new order of things. The hall was crowded, but there was only a sprinkling of the faces of eighteen years ago. Many have come out into the world and done well, and some, alas! have gone across the great divide, some who will be long remembered for their able and willing helpfulness on these very occasions. But those of the new order are also able and willing to help, as was proved by this last concert. The Rev. D. Dunlop took the chair, and the performance began with an overture by Mrs. Prevost and Messrs. Edward and Sidney Scholze. A very amusing farce, "Chiseling," was well played by Mrs. Henderson, and Messrs. and Messrs. Hean, Duncan and Gregg. Mrs. Henderson is always excellent in comedy, and Mr. Gregg was a fine Alexander the Great, it is somewhat active for a statue. Mr. Hean's make-up and acting was perfect, while Miss Lomas was a lovely heroine, and Mr. Duncan's love-making was a triumph over difficulties. The second part of the programme consisted of Christy minstrels, there was the usual supply of jokes and songs, the best part of the latter being Mr. Super's song, "Good Night." The evening ended with an enjoyable dance.

Sunday School Meeting.—The annual Sunday school meeting of the James Bay Methodist church will be held on Thursday evening next at 8:30 o'clock. Reports will be received and re-election of officers take place. All officers and teachers are earnestly requested to attend.

Evening Class.—Mrs. Simpson's evening classes are looking forward to a very enjoyable dance on Thursday evening. It will be held in Assembly hall, where all arrangements that could enhance the enjoyment of the occasion are being made, and where all the old pupils are expected to assemble on that evening.

Attractive Sign.—A very attractive sign has been put in position at the Garrack's Head by the Melrose paint company. The sign is neatly arranged with electric lights, with the words "Sim & Jack" standing out prominently, while below the name of the popular resort is plainly shown. Besides acting as a sign the latest innovation will also serve as a light to that thoroughfare, which, although it is the home of many local lights, has always been considered very dark. It is not only on the outside that the improvements are being made, but also in the interior. The proprietors have also engaged Charles Muriset, the popular dispenser of refreshments, to attend to the wants of their patrons.

An Interesting Rumor.—An interesting rumor is afloat to the effect that the C. P. R. is fast making arrangements for the erection at Esquimalt of coal bunkers, at which point all the company's steamers plying to and from this coast will be loaded with fuel. A Colonist reporter made inquiries in official quarters in an endeavor to corroborate the statement, but could not do so. It is stated, however, in this connection that surveying parties have lately been running lines on behalf of the C. P. R. from a point on the E. & N. near the lottery works to Esquimalt harbor, through the low-lying lands. This gives color to the story of the plan of the C. P. R. to establish coal bunkers at Esquimalt.

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THEATRICAL

The next attraction at the Victoria theatre, Monsieur Beaucure with Creston Clarke in the title role, is not new to local theatregoers; the play was presented here by the same actor last season. Of the performance at Portland last Sunday, the Portland Telegram says: "Beaucure" is, as everyone is supposed to know, a dramatization of the novel of the same name written by Booth Tarkington. It is a dainty little romance in which a French Prince masquerades at Bath, England, as a barber, associating with the most exclusive of the aristocracy. There is a love story, in which Beaucure wins the love of a lady, and a sword fight such as warms the blood and causes thrills of excitement. In the end, of course, everything ends just as the audience wants it to, and Beaucure is more of a hero than ever. The main responsibility in the romance falls to young Creston Clarke. He is one of the most intelligent of the younger galaxy of stars and acts the part from the ground up. His mastery of the dainty dialect is complete, and the portrayal of the young prince is artistic, graceful and finished. In fact, Clarke is probably far more fitted for the royal role than a real 18-c Prince would be. Those who witnessed his characterization last night were charmed by his personality and acting, and everyone who sees him during his engagement can rest assured of an evening of enjoyment.

With regard to "The Woman in the Case," in which Blanche Walsh is to appear on Saturday at a matinee and evening performance at the Victoria theatre, the Seattle Post Intelligence says of the production in Seattle:

Clyde Fitch, who for many years has been regarded as the most epigrammatic of the American playwrights, has reversed the usual order of things, as far as order applies to the word paintings that issue from his studio, by making the most interesting and attractive female personality in "The Woman in the Case," a good woman, thus upsetting precedent and fixing a new mark for dramatic endeavor. Mr. Fitch has reserved to himself the privilege of standing his hitherto conceived notions of dramatic unity on their heads, so to speak, and in the inverted theory of womanhood, as offered in the last of his plays to be exhibited in Seattle, there is the same brilliancy of thought and expression that seems only to attach to the stage woman with one or more pasts to her credit (or an enlivening present to contemplate) and the result is quite satisfactory. There are the same terse endings to the acts and the same conventional discussions that mark a majority of the plays for which Mr. Fitch is responsible. The periods of emotions are as plainly labeled as in his previous efforts and when the curtain arose on the first act there was presented a scene that bears all the hall marks of the Fitch shop, with its drawing room detail and polished exchange of female confidences and commonplaces.

The Great Prima Donna and her company will be heard as soloists with the "Musical Society," in The Rose Maiden.

The last and by long odds the most important musical event of the season will be the Albani concert, May 15th when beside the greatest of prima donnas and a splendid company of European celebrities will be heard the popular cantata "Rose Maiden," by Cowen sung by the Victoria Musical society, of strong under. Conductor Hick, Madame Albani and her associates will be heard in the solo parts, and will, in addition, give their regular concert programmes as heard in other cities. It will, therefore, be very readily seen that Victoria patrons will get more for their money than any other city in Canada.

The prices will be well within the reach of all, and without a doubt the theatre will not prove large enough to accommodate the numbers who will desire to hear Albani for the last time, and to enjoy the important work on which her local chorus has been working for some time. Don't forget the date of the great combined concert Tuesday, May 15th.

If any attraction in existence will prove to the world that Victoria is appreciative and discriminating in their musical tastes it will be Madame.

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of the applause was indicative of the character of the programme which Manager Jamieson is offering this week to the patrons of the Johnson street show-house. The Risleys in their clever performance, which elicited much commendation, Luce and Luce, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earle, Harry Valois are all capital entertainers, and Frank Smith has a good illustrated song. The moving picture is a very humorous one.

THE LOST HOUNSLOW.

The loss of the British tramp steamer Hounslow on the Nicaragua coast, with her cargo of 42,000 bags of coffee, means the destruction of property worth about \$775,000. The coffee was valued at \$650,000, and the steamer was worth approximately \$125,000. News was received yesterday that the Hounslow was bound to Ancon with her cargo when she went ashore twenty miles north of Corinto. She was under charter to the Pacific Mail Steamship company. The fact that the Panama route, with all their years of experience, often meet with accidents on that stretch of coast, and a tramp steamer's captain is scarcely to be expected to know any more than they do about the dangerous places.

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